

TABLE 14-continued

Inoculant Composition		Viable spores after 4 weeks at 20° C. <sup>1</sup>
BB	PEG 300 + <i>P. bilaiae</i> spores (30% w/w) + TERGITOL™ 15-S-9 (5% w/w) + OPTIMIZE® liquid additive (5% w/w) (total water content of the composition = 1.59% w/w)	%
CC	PEG 300 + <i>P. bilaiae</i> spores (40% w/w) + TERGITOL™ 15-S-9 (5% w/w) + OPTIMIZE® liquid additive (5% w/w) (total water content of the composition = 1.59% w/w)	%
DD	PEG 300 + <i>P. bilaiae</i> spores (45% w/w) + TERGITOL™ 15-S-9 (5% w/w) + OPTIMIZE® liquid additive (5% w/w) (total water content of the composition = 1.59% w/w)	%
Control	Commercially available wettable powder comprising <i>P. bilaiae</i> spores	%

<sup>1</sup>Expressed as a percentage of the spore content (cfu per gram of inoculant composition) measured at time zero.

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**31.** An aqueous inoculant composition, comprising:  
microbial spores comprising about 0.1 to about 15% by  
weight of said inoculant composition;  
one or more protectants comprising about 0.5 to about 5%  
by weight of said composition, said one or more  
protectants comprising one or more sugars and/or one  
or more sugar alcohols;  
one or more dispersants comprising about 0.1 to about 5%  
by weight of said composition;  
one or more aqueous additives comprising about 0.01 to  
about 5% by weight of said composition; and  
one or more polyethylene glycols comprising about 75 to  
about 95% by weight of said inoculant composition.

**32.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more protectants comprises about 1 to about 2% by  
weight of said composition.

**33.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more protectants comprises one or more disaccha-  
rides and one or more sugar alcohols.

**34.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more protectants comprises maltose, sucrose and/or  
trehalose.

**35.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more protectants comprises arabitol, mannitol, sor-  
bitol and/or xylitol.

**36.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more dispersants comprises about 1 to about 4% by  
weight of said composition.

**37.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more dispersants comprises one or more non-ionic  
surfactants and/or one or more wetting agents.

**38.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more dispersants comprises one or more alcohol  
ethoxylates.

**39.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more dispersants comprises one or more naphthalene  
sulfonates.

**40.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more aqueous additives comprises about 0.5 to about  
2.5% by weight of said composition.

**41.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein water  
comprises at least 0.75% by weight of said composition.

**42.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more polyethylene glycols comprises about 80 to  
about 90% by weight of said inoculant composition.

**43.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
one or more polyethylene glycols comprises PEG 200, PEG  
300 and/or PEG 400.

**44.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
inoculant composition further comprises one or more pes-  
ticides.

**45.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
inoculant composition further comprises one or more lipo-  
chitoooligosaccharides, one or more chitin oligomers and/or  
one or more flavonoids.

**46.** The inoculant composition of claim **31**, wherein said  
inoculant composition further comprises one or more drying  
agents.

**47.** A plant propagation material at least partially coated  
on the outer surface with a coating comprising the inoculant  
composition of claim **31**.

**48.** A kit, comprising:

the coated plant propagation material of claim **47**; and  
a container housing said coated plant propagation mate-  
rial.

**49.** A method, comprising applying the inoculation com-  
position of claim **31** to a plant propagation material, option-  
ally a seed.

**50.** A method, comprising planting the coated plant propa-  
gation material of claim **49** in a growth medium, optionally  
a soil.

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